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QUESTION. MR SECRETARY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO MOSCOW IN JUNE.
WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT;

ANSWER. AS A RESULT OF THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST VISIT
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TO MOSCOW AND OF THE PROGRESS TOWARD DETENTE IT IS

ESSENTIAL THAT THE HEADS OF STATE HAVE PERIODIC MEETINGS AT THE SUMMIT, AND THE PRESIDENT IS GOING TO MOSCOW TO CARRY OUT THESE ANNUAL VISITS THAT ARE NOW BECOMING SOMEWHAT (TOO?) CUSTOMARY. HE HAS PLANNED THE VISIT REALLY SINCE MR. BREZHNEV WAS HERE LAST YEAR. THE TOPICS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED FALL UNDER THE THREE BASIC CATEGORIES, ONE, OF COURSE, IS THE SALT TALKS: ANOTHER ONE WOULD COVER SUCH (IMPORTANT?) AREAS AS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL,CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND THE LIKE. AND THEN THE THIRD ASPECT WOULD BE SUCH THINGS AS TECHNICAL SUBJECTS OF CIVIL AVIATION, TAXATION, AND THINGS OF THIS SORT, ALL OF WHICH WOULD BE WORKED OVER CAREFULLY BY EXPERTS AND AT HIGH LEVELS BEFORE THE MEETING.

QUESTION. ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO, MR. SECRETARY, YOU TOGETHER WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES FROM ENGLAND, FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE NEGOTIATING THE BERLIN AGREEMENT. IF YOU LOOK AT IT NOW, SIR, AND FROM A MUCH HIGHER POSITION WOULD YOU SAY THAT WAS A GOOD AGREEMENT OR WOULD YOU IN RETROSPECT LIKE TO HAVE SOME POINTS BE STRONGER TODAY?

ANSWER. I DON'T THINK WE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE HAD A STRONGER AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION. I FEEL THE AGREEMENT IS A VERY GOOD AGREEMENT, OTHERWISE I WOULD NOT HAVE CONSENTED TO IT AND WOULD NOT HAVE SIGNED IT. THE AGREEMENT HAS BROUGHT VERY MATERIAL ADVANTAGES TO THE WEST BERLINERS AND HAS GREATLY IMPROVED, I THINK, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE GDR. FURTHERMORE THE AGREEMENT WAS REALLY THE OPENING OF THE BARRIER, THE TURNING DOWN OF THE BARRIER FOR DETENTE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND THE SOVIET UNION AND FOR GOING FORWARD ON THE OSTPOLITIK. SO I THINK THE BENEFITS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE VERY SUBSTANTIAL BOTH IN MATERIAL BENEFITS TO PEOPLE AND TO COMMERCE AND IN TERMS OF AN OVERALL PROGRESS TOWARD DETENTE AND TOWARD CARRYING OUT THE OSTPOLITIK.

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QUESTION. RECENTLY THERE WAS SOME INTERRUPTION, HOWEVER, BY THE GDR ON THE ACCESS ROUTES FROM BERLIN TO WEST GERMANY. WOULD YOU SAY THAT THIS VIOLATES THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH YOU NEGOTIATED?

ANSWER. A FUNDAMENTAL PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT IS THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS. THE GDR AS WELL AS THE SOVIET UNION HAVE INSISTED THAT THESE WERE PURELY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AND THAT THERE WAS NO INTERRUPTION. BUT THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY INTERRUPTION OF THE ACCESS ROUTES. THIS IS CLEARLY PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT WHICH FURTHER PROVIDES THAT IF DISPUTES ARISE THEY SHALL BE SETTLED OTHER THAN BY INTERRUPTIONS OF TRAFFIC.

QUESTION. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME CONTROVERSY OVER BONN'S PLAN TO INSTALL A FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IN WEST BERLIN. WHAT IS YOUR STAND ON THAT ISSUE?

ANSWER. OUR VIEW IS THAT THIS IS FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE PROVISIONS AND THE SPIRIT OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT, AND WE HAVE SO ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRG.

QUESTION. MR. SECRETARY, THE UNITED STATES WILL SOON ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO THE GDR. HOW WILL THESE RELATIONS DEVELOP IN YOUR OPINION?

ANSWER. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE GDR ARE GOING FORWARD. THERE ARE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED. THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WILL BE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO CARRY ON COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE GDR IN A BETTER WAY.

I DON'T EXPECT ANY GREAT PROGRESS TO BE MADE AS A RESULT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS, BUT I THINK IT WILL BE USEFUL BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO NORMAL CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS BETWEEN NATIONS, AND BETWEEN STATES.

QUESTION. THE US WILL THEN HAVE TWO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN ONE CITY. AN EMBASSY IN THE EAST AND A US-MISSION IN WEST BERLIN, WHICH IS A RATHER UNIQUE SITUATION. HOW DO YOU SEE THE SITUATION AFFECTING THE PRESENT SITUATION OF WEST BERLIN?

ANSER. I DON'T CONSIDER THAT THE EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT WHATEVER ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND OUR LEGAL RELATIONSHIP WITH REGARD TO WEST BERLIN. OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO WEST BERLIN WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. THE PURPOSE, AS I SAID, OF THE EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN IS TO ADMIT US TO CARRY ON BETTER RELATIONS WITH THAT STATE.ROSINUS

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